Fair and cooler tonight;

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PRICE ONE CENT.

## ELKS TO DEDICATE THEIR NEW HOME TO-NIGHT

Imposing Ceremony Arranged - 3,000 Visiting Antlers Expected-Big Banquet at Algonquin Club - Parade Tonight-Elks Only Can Attend Ceremony.



BUILDING AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ow, Left to Right-Joseph A. O'Brien, Peter Doolan, Jr., A. A. Doty, omas J. Cunningham, Daniel M. Rowland.

Rowe, Left to Right-Timothy J. Murphy, Sidney E. Hawley, William Devitt, (chairman); Joseph C. Ivers, Secretary.

OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THE DEDICATION
Grand Exalted Ruler
Derby Lodge No 571
Grand Esteemed Leading Knight
Waterbury Lodge, No. 265
Grand Esteemed Loyal KnightJohn H. McMahon
Meriden Lodge, No. 35
Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight
New London Lodge, No. 360
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer. New Haven Lodge, No. 25  Norwalk Lodge, No. 709  Martin J. Cunningham  Martin J. Cunningham
Norwalk Lodge No 709
Grand Esquire
Danbury Lodge, No. 120
Grand Chaplain
Stamford Lodge, No. 899
Grand inner Guard Flynn
Middletown Lodge, No. 771
Grand Tyler
Grand Organist William F Weidenbammer
Grand Organist
THE DEDICATORY PROGRAM
March—Organ
Prayer
Brother Edward J. Tupper Dedication Service—"Building Up of Altar",
Grand Officers
Opening Ode (Air) "Anid Lang Syne"
Solo—"The Jehovah"
Brother John E. Finch
(Words by Oscar Beers-Music by Brother William E. Weidenhammer)
Acceptance of Keys for Lodge
Brother Martin J. Cunningham Solo—"Outside the Heavenly Gates"
Brother Loren Delbridge
Address Dedicatory—
Brother William J. Malone
Bristol Lodge, No. 1010
AND AND AND AND AND TOTAL

Closing Ode-(Air) "Home, Sweet Home"......

Postlude ..... Brother William E. Weldenhammer Baptisto

This is the day that the Elks of the Park City have fondly looked forward Office of the Grand Marshal, Bridgeto for these many a year. To-day is the day of days in local Elkdom. That for which the lodge has been striving. ome of its own, is no longer an dea dream; it is a living, breathing actuality. Twenty-four years ago the order locally saw its birth. Since then detailed for duty as mounted aides: F. J. Abercrombie, Lieut. F. A. Bartlett, it has encountered many vicissitudes.

It has with it to-day some who were John Broderick, Henry Clampett, Fred tractors, and the building committee tractors, and the building committee. the number is indeed few.

Of the survivors of the first group that helped form the lodge none ever dreamed that they would live to segue the noble purposes typical of the order.

These of the "old guard" are happy today. And why shouldn't they be? Aftware of weary struggling many will be formed at 7 n. m. share will be 8 n. m. shar er years of weary struggling, many times there baving been a scrious doubt as to whether the old ship would atay afoat from meeting to meeting, the dawn of a new and brighter era

part, none will begrudge to the faith-ful Nine, who comprised the Build ng committee their just meed of praise. While it is true they had a hearty cooperation on the part of the member-ship of the body the task of building the home with all of the mass of detall which went with it was one which only those who have closely watched the labors of the committee can fully

It is not our purpose at this time to sing the praises of the men who made up the Building committee of the local locate of Elks. There is another place and time where that duty will be attended to in a manner befitting the occasion. There is but one regret expressed in local Elkdom to-day in connection with this auspicious event. It marching bodies.

Esquire's Aides.

The lodge members on parade will be under the supervision of Esquire Joseph I. Flint who has selected as his assistants, John A. Shea, Fullerton Morrison, W. H. O'Hara, and Victor Beckman. Lieut. Waiter Stapleton will be grand marshal of all of the marching bodies. nection with this auspicious event It has to do with the illness of Mr. Wil-tam V. Devitt, chairman of the Build-

Worn out by his constant toil in behalf of this project in the completion of which he had set his very heart and soul, he has had to give up and his physician. Dr. Edward Fitzgerald has forbidden him to leave his home. As chairman of the all important comtittee he save unsparingly of his time in the work. It may not be generally linown but the committee has held several hundred meetings and as chairman, Mr. Devitt shared in the more arduous labor with the committee's secretary, Exalted Ruler J. C. Ivers. It will hardly seem that the gathering of the loyal herd is complete to-night with Mr. Devitt absent. On all sides to-day where groups of elks congregated and discussed the dedication of the home universal sorrow was the rule. me universal sorrow was the rule

Devitt. For unately his illness is hyporated a serious character.

Another cheery presence that will be missed to-night when the 11 o'clock toat is drunk is Sam Harris one of the popular members who is indispossed at his home in Fairfield. Mr. Harris one of the popular members who is indispossed at his home in Fairfield. Mr. Harris one of the popular members who is indispossed at his home in Fairfield. Mr. Harris one of the popular members who is indispossed at his home in Fairfield. Mr. Harris one of the popular members who is indispossed to the popular members who is

The Parade To-night. port, Conn., March 21.

General Order No. 1.
L. Mounted aides will report to the grand marshal at 7 p. m., at which time their duties will be assigned

II. The following brothers have be C. Eckart, Christian Haug, William Hogan, Capt. Edward J. Joy, Walter Lalley, Major W. H. Marigold, Col. T.

J. Murphy and Dr. C. A. Ryder, III. All brothers of No. 26 will will be formed at 7 p. m. sharp. IV. Bill of dress for mounted brothers, frock coat, silk hat and white

while the completion of the project sone in which every Eik has been vitally interested and in which each who has been called upon has done his beart, none will begrudge to the faith-bart, none will begrudge to the faith-be received. After the reception of the project is the column will now the column with the column will now the column will not not not not not not not now the column will not not not not not now the column will not now the co visiting brothers the column will move o Fairfield avenue, to Main street, to Congress street, countermarch to E'ks iome, where the parade will be dis-

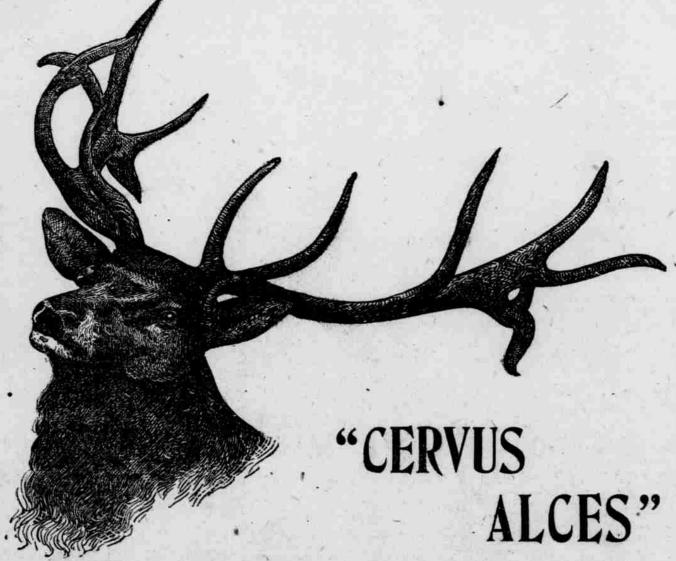
LIEUT. WALTER STAPLETON, CAPT. S. P. CRONAN. Grand Marshal.

Police Detail.

of the lodge. Mr. Devitt will be unable to attend the ceremonies this evening.

Worn out by his constant toil in behalf of this project in the completion of which he had set his very heart and of the following detail of policemen for the plant of this project in the completion of which he had set his very heart and of the following detail of policemen for the plant of the plant of the completion of which he had set his very heart and of the plant of the plant of the sealed of the order will be at head of the following detail of policemen for the lodge. Mr. Devitt will be unable to attend the ceremonies this evening.

50: Meriden, 28; New London, 80 This y lodges T the state which will sind large delegations, but which have not been estimated, are: Stamford Scuth Norwalk, Bristol, Putnam, Mid'letown, Danbury, Norwich, Winsted, and New from the late Mr



Reilly, has been placed in the social It is a magnificent in-

met Fostell, a charter member of the lodge, who is now in the theatrical business in New York. The finishing touch to the exterior of the building was added this morn-ing. Architect O'Brien supervised the placing of an elk's head in bronze with

spreading antiers upon the keystone of the arch over the door. Each of the antiers are tipped with an incandescent electric lamp.

In the club hall there was placed

handsome new structure is a hand-some American standard, which is befitting, in view of the fact that the order is a typical American order and follows the flag. Not until the stars and stripes were planted in Porto Rico, the Philippines, and Hawaii was the order permitted to leave the Union, and it is one of the fundamental principles of the organization that Elkdom shall never be allowed to flourish except where there are white Americans living under self govern-

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GIFTS TO LODGE

Remembrances of Brothers "Present and "Absent" to Mater Lodge.

There will be a large number of beautiful gifts received by the local odge from sister lodges. Hints have lodge from sister lodges. Hints have been dropped that the gifts were forthcoming but the nature of the gifts will not be disclosed until to-night when the delegations come to take part in the dedication and bring their pres-ents with them. New London and New Haven lodges have sent handsome gifts in advance. From the "whalers" there came a handsome leather loung-ing chair which has been placed in the reception room. From the Elm City lodge there came a handsome hall clock in a solid mahogany case. It has a rich toned chime gong which sounds the time every quarter hour, There are a multitude of gifts which has a rich toned chime gong which sounds the time every quarter hour.

There are a multitude of gifts which have been given to the lodge in past years in anticipation of the erection of the new home not to say anything of the new home not to say anything of those which have been turned over to members to present to-night and those which have been pouring into the home during the past few days.

Brother Edward Tohin of New Harman A. Brother Edward the home during the past few days. Brother Edward Tobin of New Haven lodge, an enthusiastic Elk known from one end of the state to the other has sent a large pastel picture, hand-somely framed of "The Wooers."

Brother Daniel H. Boyle has given in electrically equipped shadow box to hold the handsome oil painting of "The lold the lo

presented the lodge with a magnifi-cently mounted Elk's head.

session room. It is a mahogany case.

One of the gifts to the lodge which arrived this morning was a beautiful hammered bronze tablet from A. Emhanmered bronze table cers of Hartford lodge, at the time the home was built. The picture is the

bership.

To ornament the walls of the grill room Mr. Henry E. Towe has given the lodge a mounted bass upon an oak background. The fish when alive welghed nearly six pounds and was caught by Mr. Towe in Troy Lake, Ontario, Canada.

"The Elk Family," a picture hanging in the reception room was given to the properties of the properties of the properties and the grant to the reception room was given to the properties and the grant to the properties are the grant to th

in the reception room was given to the lodge several years ago by late Brother Montignani, the photographer.
Past Exalted Ruler A. A. Doty has
presented the lodge with a large ma-

Brother George Efford has secured a handsome oil painting of an elk which he will give to the lodge. A splendid oil painting of "Lover's Leap" in Oronoque from the brush of John Cavelti is the gift of the artist A. O'Brien as supervising architect. past exalted ruler of the lodge. It hangs in a rear parlor.

Two massive silver punch bowls are the gifts of Stamford lodge in recognition of the services of Bridgeport lodge and Past Exalted Ruler Frederick H.

In the billiard room there is a framed collection of badges hanging upon the wall showing souvenirs of grand lodge meetings.

Masterson in organizing the lodge in

BANQUET GUESTS

At Dinner at Algonquin Club at 5 This Afternoon.

Grand Exaited Ruler, R. L. Holland of Colorado Springs; John D. Shea, G. E. L. K., Edwardsville, Pa.; Jas. R. Nicholson, P. G. E. L. K., Edwardsville, Pa.; A. M. MacElwee, G. E. L. K., Fort Worth, Texas; Warren G. L. K., Fort Worth, Texas; Warren G. R. T. Rock; the plumbing and heating by L. K., Wabash, Indiana; Art Glass Co.; the painting Fla.; Raymond Benjamin, G. E., Napa, Cal.; Thomas F. McNulty, G. T., Baltimore, Md.; Alfred T. Holley, G. T. somely framed of "The Wooers."

Brother Henry H. Jennings, one of the founders of Bridgeport lodge has sent a gold lined s'lver loving cup with buckhorn handles which stands 12 inches high and sets upon an ebony Thomas L. Relly, Meriden; Alexander Harbisch, Hartford; Frank J. Broth-Warliem H. McGil-Hackensack, N. J.; James H. Higgins, G. T., Pawtucket; Richard P. Freeman, Brother Daniel H. Boyle has given an electrically equipped shadow box to hold the handsome oil painting of "The Elk Family" presented to the lodge several years "go by "Absent Broth-Brooklyn; Gen. Horatio C. Kiday, Brooklyn; Michael Kenealy, Stamford; Arthur C. Moreland, editor of the Elks' are the blind orator of New York; COST \$400 TO PUT

Boston, Mass., 5. Lodges from outside of the state which will send delegations which are unestimated are Springfield, Mass.; White Plains, N. Y.; Jersey City, N. J.; Borough of the Bronx lodge, N. Y.; Borough of Queens lodge, N. Y.; Borokiyn lodge, Utica, N. Y.; Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Auburn, N. Y., not to mention scores of other lodges which will be represented by individual members, including Manila lodge, Philippine Island, which will be represented by Philippine Island, which will be represented by C. E. Wolfe, who is visiting in this city.

New Britain lodge has engaged 10 connecting rooms at the Stratfield for members of its delegation.

The buffet bar in the grill room was opened today by Steward John A. Murray. A handsome ornament to the bar is a duplicate of the 2550 register, presented to the lodge by Treasurer Charles H. Hinman, and which is now being built with a specially designed case.

The handsome plano owned by the lodge has been placed in the grill room while the Gabler plano, purchased by of the lodge room is the gift of Brother Isanc Gaserous Handsome plano owned by the lodge has been placed in the grill room while the Gabler plano, purchased by of the lodge room is the gift of Brother Spring on the grill room while the Gabler plano, purchased by the lodge has been placed in the grill room while the Gabler plano, purchased by the lodge room is the gift of Brother Spring on the grill room while the Gabler plano, purchased by the lodge room is the gift of Brother Isanc Gaserous the Gas lodge has been placed in the grill room while the Gabler plane, purchased by the Antiers' club through Henry E. er William E. Burnham who has also Kingston, Charles E. Kieth, I. Kleban, John S. Lellis, Michael L Brother Loren Delbridge has given two artistically carved oak chairs to the lodge and these have been placed in the office of the house committee.

A framed group of pictures which hang in the reception room shows the home of Hartford lodge, several interior views of the building and the officers of Hartford lodge, at the time the Morrison, P. J. McLaughlin. D. D. S. Thomas A. McCool. George H. Merwin, Thomas A. McCool, George H. Merwin home was built. The picture is the present of Henry H. Jennings.
On the same room hangs a picture of the twelve charter members of the local locge who still retain their membership.

India A. MecCol, George H. Merwin, Louis Neuberger, Lawrence Nealon, Courten, John J. O'Rourke, James A. O'Reien, John J. O'Rourke, James H. O'Rourke, John O'Connell, J. B. Osborne, Thomas H. Paine, D. C. Patter-

DESIGNER AND CONTRACTORS

Harry Taylor, John F. Toole, I. B. Williams No. 1, I. B. Williams No. 1 William E. Weidenhammer, and D. B.

Young.

The building was designed and built under the direction of Brother Joseph As a member of the order he took great pride in the development of his ideas of a model Elks' home building, and the structure is a splendid tribute to the skill of Mr. O'Brien. The land for the building was purchased while to the skill of Mr. O'Brien. The land for the building was purchased while Henry E. Reilly was the exalted ruler of the lodge, and the building started and finished under the administration of Exalted Ruler Joseph C. Ivers. Tim-

The general contractors were Tim-othy A. O'Brien & Sons of this city, and the majority of the sub-contractors were Bridgeporters and members of the order while the out of town contractors were also members of the

The electrical work and the installa-tion for the artistic lighting effects in

R. T. Rock; the art glass by the Bridgeport Art Glass Co.; the painting and decorating by the Joseph P. Coughlin Co.; the bronze doors and fire doors were supplied by Lombard & Tracey of Boston; the abestole floor was laid by the New York Abestolethe Co. of New York; the mosaic file floor-Co. of New York; the mosaic tile flooring, marble work and the Scagola col-umns are by the Contractors Stone Co of this city; the chandellers are by Enos & Co. of New York; the cast bronze work and the grills are by Jonathan Williams, Inc., of New York; and the organ was supplied by Estey & Co. of New York.

FOOT ON WRONG PEDAL

As a result of his crash into the cheery presence that will be character.

cheery presence that will be cheer stand on the bland or ator of New York; A handsome steel engraving comes from the late Mrs. Edward H. Lyon Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Million or ator of New York; A handsome steel engraving comes from the late Mrs. Edward H. Lyon Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Million or ator of New York; A handsome steel engraving comes from the late Mrs. Edward H. Lyon Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Million or ator of New York; A handsome steel engraving comes from the late Mrs. Edward H. Lyon Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Million or ator of New York; A handsome steel engraving comes from the late Mrs. Edward H. Lyon Mayor Henry Lee. Rev. E. J. Capt. Million or ator of New York; A handsome steel engrav



## AGAIN NEGOTIATE WITH KIDNAPPERS

Third Letter from Boy's Abductors Received by Family.

Entire Ohio Valley is Looking for Missing Boy and the Men Who Took Him—Probable TO RENT.—5 rooms, 1st floor, 1 in attic, all improvements, 191 Catherine St. 10 minutes walks to Read's store.

Anderson & Co., 962 Main St. 10 Sharon.

(Special from United Press.) Sharon, Pa., March 22 .- For the second time since the abduction of Willie Whitla, the eight year old son of Attorney James P. Whitla, negotiations have been opened with his kidnappers. day by friends of the family who are

day by friends of the family who are aiding in the search.

Although not known by the detectives nor Mr. Whitla himself, it is pretty certain that a third letter following that from Ashtabula was received to-day. This letter was postmarked from a point near Sharon, so near in fact, as to confirm the belief that the boy ultimately will be located near here, if not in this very town.

Another letter from Billy was enclosed in the kidnapper's message to losed in the kidnapper's message to Mr. Whitla Saturday. It was written in the boy's handwriting and said: "Saturday, Dear Papa; Tell Mamma not to worry. I will be home with her to-morrow. I am in a house that

has many trees around it. I am well Your loving son, Billy. In spite of the law, members of the constabulary early to-day across the state line into Ohio. ng in plain clothes six men are mak ng an effort to search in the vicinity of Warren, Niles and Girard.

One of the clues which may develop something to-day is one which con cerns the mysterious disappearance o man who until recently lived in the woods near Niles, northwest of Sharon On Tuesday of last week this man was joined at his nome by another, both resembling descriptions of the abduc-tors which have been given out. On last Thursday, the day on which Willie disappeared, both of these men left the place and have not been seen since. Another suspect is reported as having lived in West Middlesex where

a member of the state constabulary has been detailed to special duty. The clue being investigated at Beaver Falls has not been made pub'ic er Falls has not been made public. It is suspected, however, that it has to do with a large body of foreigners who live in that vicinity. The clue was furnished by a telegram to the men in authority. G. S. Ward, the Phi'adelphia sleuth who was so successful in his work at the time when the Cudahy kidnapping case was up, had a long conference to-day with Mr. Whitla at

man and woman detained at the Hotel Upson here since last evening were re-leased to-day after proving conclusively that they were not the abductors of Willie Whitla. Harry L. Bowman, Justice of the Pease, of Curwensville. Pa., is the man's name. The couple arrived here last evening accompanies by an eight year old boy with light hair answering the general description of the Sharon lad. Bowman proved that the boy was his son and he was allowed to depart.

MR. AND MRS. MOSS TO COMMEMMORATE

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, tonight at he Stratfield, will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their wedding. Guests from this city and out of town

ELKS' NOTICE

See Additional Elk matter on Page 7 of this issue.

POLICE SHELTER HOMELESS COUPLE

George Valentine and his wife, who were burned out yesterday afternoon in Black Rock, when the shack in which they lived caught fire from the burning meadows were allowed to sleep in a cell. They will probably be taken to Lakeview. Valentine is an old soldier and draws a pension.

WANTED.-Large wholesale house has

WANTED .- 500 people fond of fun for wanted.—500 people fond of fun for masquerade soiree, Schwaeb'scher Hall, 37 French street, Wednesday. March 24. Hutzel's orchestra. Ad-mi ton 25 cents epoh, S 22 s\*o

## (UNCLASSIFIED.)

FOR SALE.—Steel range A1 condition. Cheap. 26 Brothwell St. S 22 s\*o

BIG WHIST.—Waldemers Council. O. U. A. M., 915 Main St., Wednesday evening, March 24. S 22 b \* p o TO RENT.—Alcove and two connecting rooms, with board. 521 State street. Phone 1912. S 22 d\*po

FINE LINE of cigars, tobacco cigar-ettes, pipes, papers and postal cards at Wood's "Smoke-shop," 61 Cannon St.

WHIST.—Pioneer Camp. No. 17, W. O. W., 176 Fairfield Ave., Wednesday evening, March 24, 8:30. Refreshments served. Tickets 25 cents.

FURNITURE.—Family leaving city will dispose all high grade furniture for eight rooms. Dining and easy chairs, tables, beds, springs, mattresses, dressers, sideboard, china closet, bookcase, stoves, ice box, carpets, rugs, etc. Call at once first selections, 131 Washington Terrace.

TO RENT.—Flat of five rooms, all improvements, also barn for auto. Telephone 3073. Inquire 232 Wells St.

FOR SALE.-In best location, an established candy store and ice cream parlor, with stock and fixtures. Must sold on account of other business Apply 467 East Main St., Waterbury Conn. S 19 s • o

WANTED.—At once, a good architec-tural draughtsman. Address, stat-ing age and experience, Architect; tural draughtsman. Address, stating age and experience, Architect, S 18 e \* p o

WANTED.—400 young people for Joily Five dance, Schwaebischer hall. Saturday, March 20. Admission 15

S 18 80 EGGS FOR HATCHING.-From high

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class bred to lay white Wyando 75c and \$1 per setting. C. A. Bi man, Paradise Green, Stratford.

TO RENT.—Store suitable for grocery Inquire 59 and butcher market. Brooks St.

TO RENT.—6 room flat with improve-ments, at \$15, Randall Ave. No ob-jection if 2 small families double up. Call 1294 Main.

GREAT RELIEF from headache and constipation, Casca Laxine tablets, 25 cts. B3.00

JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular hatter, 974 E. Main St., has the goods. Calf and verify. H 30 \* tf o 1 3 5

BRATWURST, pigs' hocks, country pork a specialty. M. M. Nagel, 652 East Main St. G 7 tf\* 1 3 5

SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Biltz at 95 State St. H 11 tf. 1 3 5

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily

HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe
158 Fairfield Avenue. Everhardt's N.
Y. lager and Smith's Philadelphia.
Ale on draught. T 9 tfo 1 3

FOR SALE.—For one third the value
1 black walnut bed room set, 1 cot
bed, 1 Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, 1 West Shore cooking stove, 1
ladies' neck fur, one lawn mower, all
good as new. Call to-day. 1392 Kossuth St. S 22 b\*p

LOST.-Bank Book No. 29965 on People's Savings Bank. Any person hav-ing claims upon said book is called upon to present the same to the bank within thirty days, or said book will be declared cancelled and extinguish-

ed, and a new one issued in lieu WANTED.—Men for spring positions in the automobile business. There are not enough good men to fill the places. We guarantee to fit you for

a position that will pay you from \$18.00 to \$25.00 weekily. Call and see us. New England Auto School, 61 State St., Bridgeport, S 22 b\*o CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their kind deeds, and symmathy shown us in our affliction, for beautiful floral tokens, and by attending the father.

father.
MRS. THOMAS ROBINSON.
and Fam